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Trade Facilitation in Asia-Pacific LDCs

and insights from the Asia-Pacific region

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UN global survey on trade facilitation and paperless trade implementation 2017: **Scope/Coverage**

38 trade facilitation measures in 4 groups:

- ▶ General trade facilitation (TFA-related)
 - ▶ Transparency [e.g. publication of regulations on internet]
 - ▶ Formalities [e.g. application of risk management]
 - ▶ Institutional arrangement & cooperation [e.g., NTFCs]
- ▶ Transit facilitation (TFA-related)
- ▶ Paperless trade [e.g., e-customs declaration]
- ▶ Cross-border paperless trade [e.g., exchange of e-COs]

For 2017, newly added measures on:

- ▶ Trade facilitation for SMEs
- ▶ Agricultural trade facilitation
- ▶ Women in trade facilitation

Coverage: Global, 120 countries

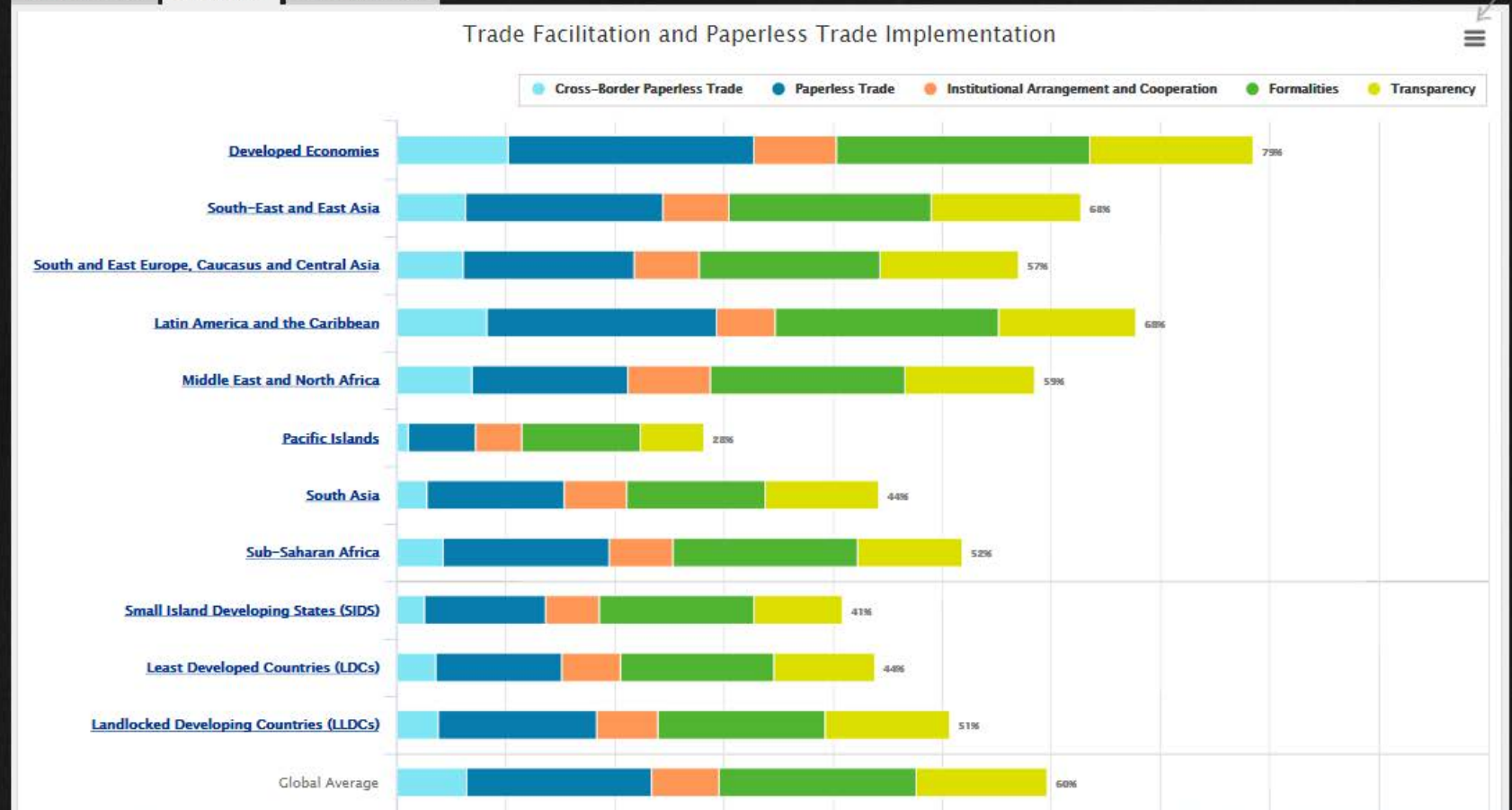


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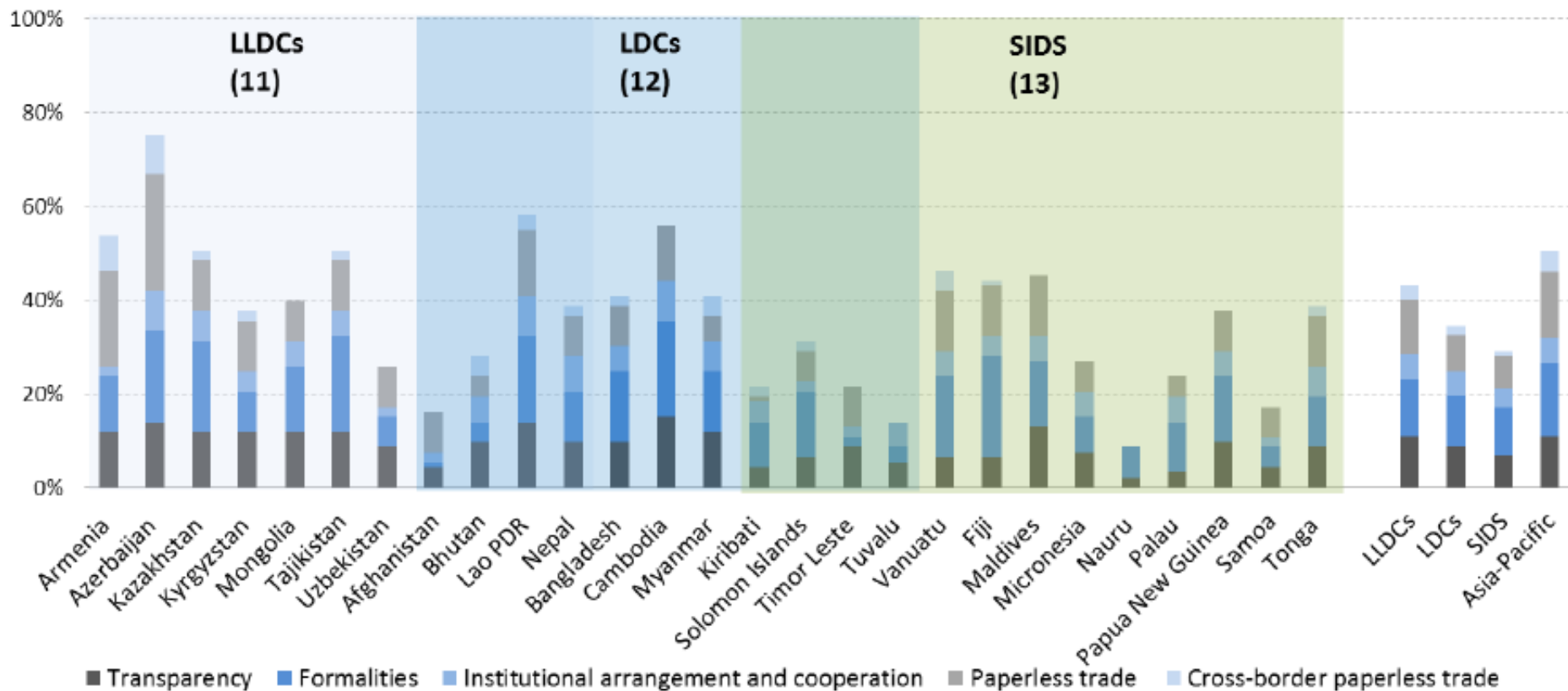
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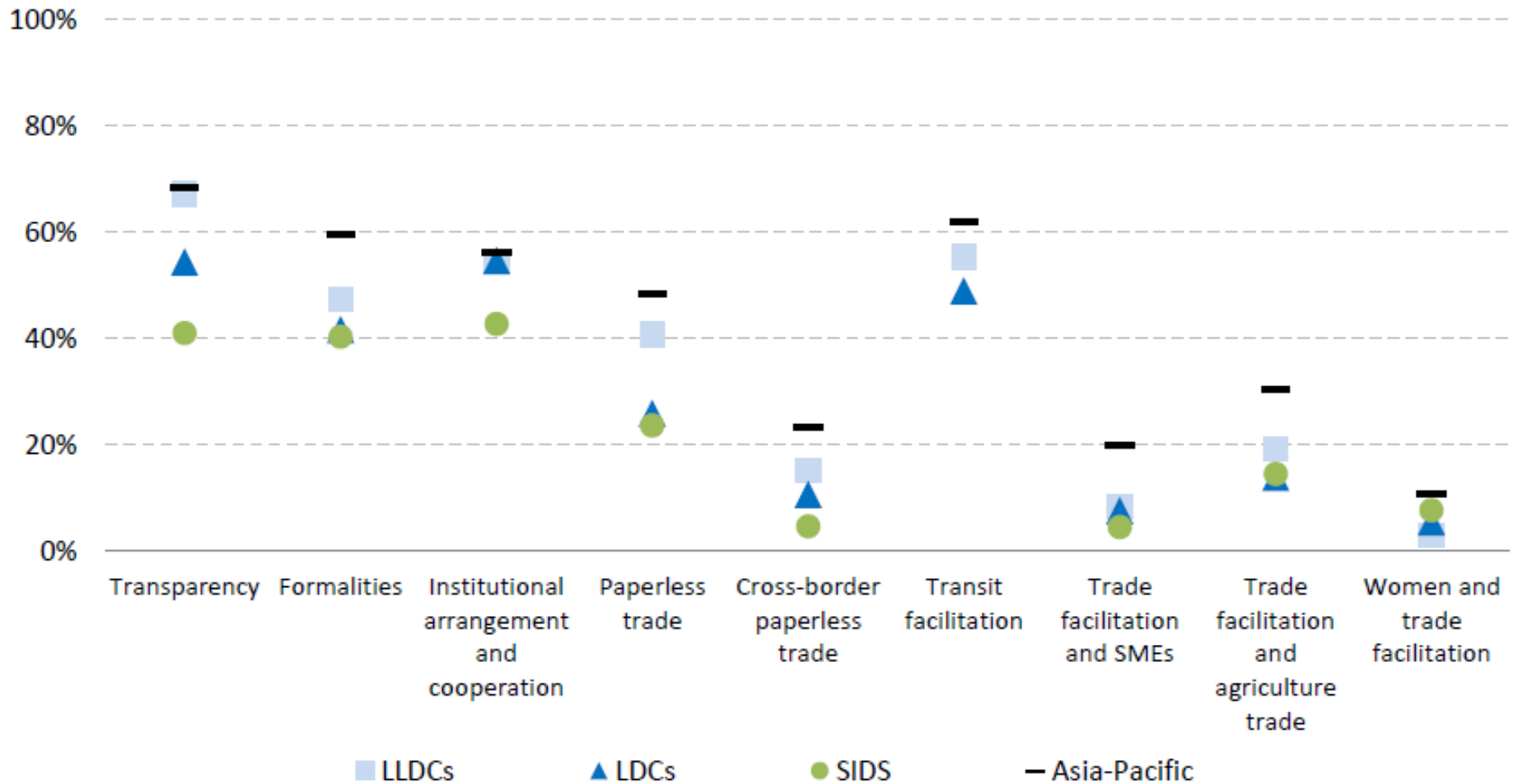
Implementation of TF and Paperless Trade in Asia-Pacific LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Figure 2 Overall implementation of trade facilitation measures, 2017



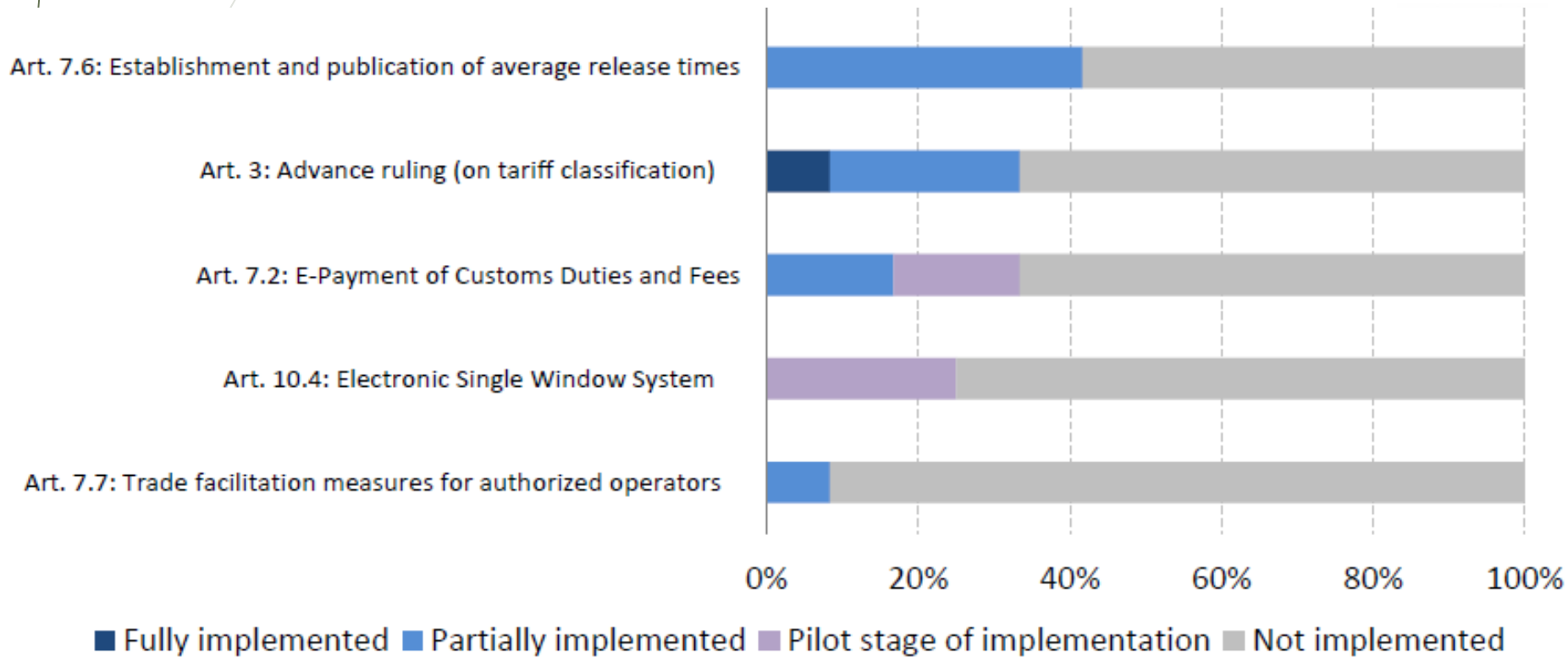
Implementation by types of measures

Figure 3 Implementation of different groups of trade facilitation measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Least implemented WTO TFA Measures in Asia-Pacific LDCs



Expected gains from WTO TFA implementation in Asia-Pacific

- Trade cost reductions almost double if full implementation of binding + non binding measures (-10%)
- ICT applications in TF (i.e. paperless trade measures) have high trade cost reduction potential (additional 7%)

Table 7: International Trade Cost Changes in Asia and the Pacific Resulting from World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation

Asia and Pacific	WTO TFA (binding only)		WTO TFA (binding + non binding)		WTO TFA+ (binding + non binding + other paperless and cross-border paperless trade)	
	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Model 1						
Overall TFI	-2.70%	-5.74%	-4.64%	-9.45%	-10.37%	-16.37%
Model 3						
Transparency	-0.81%	-1.74%	-1.29%	-3.27%	-1.29%	-3.27%
Formalities	-1.67%	-2.93%	-2.26%	-4.00%	-2.26%	-4.00%
Institution	-0.41%	-1.35%	-0.41%	-1.35%	-1.37%	-2.44%
Paperless and cross-border paperless	-	-	-1.39%	-2.24%	-6.73%	-9.26%



Asia-Pacific region proactive in implementing next-generation trade facilitation solutions

- ▶ Singapore and Hong-Kong, China Single Windows (1990)
- ▶ ASEAN Single Window Agreement (2005)
- ▶ UN treaty to promote cross-border paperless trade in Asia-Pacific adopted in 2016
 - ▶ Name: Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
 - ▶ A new support tool for full “digital” implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)
 - ▶ and growing number of bilateral / subregional agreements
 - ▶ 24 countries actively engaged in preparing implementation road map (already formally signed by Armenia, **Bangladesh**, **Cambodia**, China and Iran); opened to 53 ESCAP Member States

Conclusions & Way Forward

- ▶ WTO TFA new global trade facilitation baseline, clear roadmap; strive for full and digital implementation
- ▶ Use the NTFCs to address trade facilitation in a holistic manner (whole-of-supply-chain approach)
- ▶ Strengthen public-private sector collaboration
- ▶ Consider cross-border e-exchange of data/documents when developing national systems
- ▶ Prioritize capacity building for “other government agencies” (OGAs); and consider measures for agriculture and SMEs
- ▶ Set ambitious goals; and take advantage of complementary regional initiatives
- ▶ Closely monitor implementation AND performance; and consider establishment of national trade and transport facilitation monitoring mechanisms (TTFMMs) under NTFCs

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- Course Study Guide
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E-Learning Series on Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation

The Business Process Analysis (BPA) online training course has been developed by the ESCAP Trade, Investment and Innovation Division based on the UNNExT BPA Guide to Simplify Trade Procedures. BPA is considered the first necessary step to simplifying trade procedures. The course consists of seven modules and introduces a step-by-step approach to conducting BPA. It is aimed at government officials and other stakeholders responsible for trade facilitation. This course is also available in Russian.

The course is divided as follows:

- Module 1: BPA for Trade Facilitation - An Introduction
- Module 2: Unified Modeling Language
- Module 3: Project and Scope Setting

Single Window
Improve the efficiency and reduce the cost of trade processes and international supply chains.

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